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Subject:

Senate Bill 674 - The Right to Breastfeed

Good morning,

As a young nursing mom, community nutrition educator, and registered dietitian I am requesting your support of Senate Bill 674, a bill to support the right of a woman to breastfeed. From what I understand, the bill is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee and a public hearing will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in room 110 of the Farnum Building, 123 W. Allegan, Lansing.

While some women are unable to breastfeed, it is something all children should be so lucky enough to be nourished with. Especially today, with so many parents struggling to afford to care for their families, nursing is something that helps to dramatically cut costs (formula costs upwards of \$35 per container, breastmilk? \$0.). Breastfeeding is good for baby (reducing allergen risk, reducing obesity, reducing likelihood for picky eating), good for mom (reducing breast cancer risk and helping her to return to a healthy weight), and good both financially and environmentally.

Please vote in favor of the right to breastfeed.

Breast is best ©

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